

revered around the globe precisely because of their ability to administer justice impartially and without regard to the prevailing political climate. Republicans in Congress are seeking to undermine judicial independence and freedom of action. A key element of their strategy has been to put a choke hold on the process of confirming nominees sent by President Clinton. This state of affairs must not be allowed to continue. As Chief Justice Rehnquist has stated, "The Senate is surely under no obligation to confirm any particular nominee, but after the necessary time for inquiry it should vote him up or down." Let the Senate heed the words of the Chief Justice and commit itself to enabling the federal judiciary to be, as the Supreme Court pediments proclaim, the guardian of our liberty and the guarantor of equal justice under the law.●

A TRIBUTE TO CADET CAPTAIN GUY PRYOR

● Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, Cadet Captain Guy Pryor, a student at Haywood High School, in Brownsville, Tennessee, will soon be honored by the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps with its highest honor, the Cadet Gold Valor Award. Cadet Pryor is receiving this award for his heroic efforts on Sunday, December 19, 1997, as he attempted to save the life of an automobile accident victim.

Cadet Pryor and his friends left a Sunday evening church party in Jackson when they came upon the scene of an accident, a head-on collision. One of the cars in the accident, a Toyota pickup, was already engulfed in flames, lying in a ditch, having rolled about 100 feet from the crash site. The man trapped in the vehicle was desperately calling for help.

Without hesitating, Cadet Pryor ran to the truck, and began pulling at the passenger door. Those watching cautioned him that the truck might well explode at any moment, and called for him to move from the truck. The flames were already so hot Cadet Pryor's palms burned, and an onlooker threw him a coat to better insulate his hands against the fire.

Cadet Pryor succeeded in pulling the man from the truck just as paramedics arrived. Unfortunately, the victim, Hugh Rainey Pegram of Jackson, died on the way to the hospital, and our hearts go out to his loved ones. Cadet Pryor was taken to the hospital for treatment of his burned hands and released.

So often we do not hear about our young people who distinguish themselves. Cadet Pryor is a hero in the truest sense of the word because at great peril to himself, he gave willingly and without question to a fellow human being in need. His spirit of service and selflessness is an example for all of us to emulate.

This recognition from the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps

is a wonderful testament to Cadet Pryor's bravery that Sunday night. The Cadet Gold Valor Award brings honor to Cadet Pryor and his family, and also to the outstanding Tennessee 944th unit of the Junior ROTC at Haywood County High School. Cadet Pryor's story is an inspiration to us all, and I am proud to be his United States Senator.●

NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN CREED

● Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I submit for the RECORD the following National African American Creed, written by one of my constituents, Mr. Terry Harris. Mr. Harris is an active member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and has presented this creed before the NAACP Executive Board. Mr. Harris' National African American Creed challenges people to make a difference beginning with themselves. In particular, Mr. Harris encourages other African Americans to eschew drugs and gang violence, gain an education, display kindness, and support our country. I commend Mr. Harris on his interest in helping others.

The material follows:

THE AFRICAN AMERICAN CREED

(By Terrance Harris)

I, the African American, man, woman, child—son and daughter and great-grandchild of slaves, descendant of Africa and child of God, no longer have to search to find my place in this world.

I, the African American, have a responsibility to my forefathers whose struggles I must continue to ward off hatred and bigotry.

I, the African American, descendant of Ishmael and Abraham, have a responsibility, to help my brothers and sisters when, and after, they fall by the wayside.

I, the African American, descendant of great kings and queens of Africa, am obligated to teach my children about our ancestors and their customs.

I, the African American, of dark complexion, have a responsibility for keeping my dark beautiful armor shined with Christ-like luster in my daily walk.

I, the African American, whose ancestors were great warriors, must become a great warrior against such things as drugs and gang violence.

I, the African American, come from a race which was so powerful, to cause a nation to change its views on segregation and rethink its views on desegregation.

I, the African American, great grandchild of great chiefs in Africa, have a responsibility to become the head of my family and to raise my children in such a manner that will enable my children to become great leaders.

I, the African American, come from a race which helped to build this country, have a responsibility to keep the talent alive and to build great buildings that will stand along side the great pyramids of Egypt.

I, the African American, whose forefathers came from a land rich in vegetation and animal life, have a responsibility to preserve that beauty so that my children will have the same opportunities to bathe in the beauty of nature that God has created for all to enjoy.

I, the African American, whose ancestors used as a part of their culture, great dances,

am obligated to pass this tradition and the history behind the dances on to my children.

I, the African American, come from a race where such powerful men and women laid down their lives so that I might be able to get a fair education, am obligated to attend a school of higher learning.

I, the African American, whose forefathers have been spit upon and smitten, all in the name of equality, just so you and I could stand here today, must be willing to display in return the same equal kindness that we have demanded, not just to men and women of the African American race, but to men and women of all races.

I, the African American, whose fathers and mothers can now become men of science, medicine, and law, am obligated to follow in their footsteps ensuring the best possible care, in order to preserve my history.

I, the African American, whose forefathers have died in wars when they were not allowed to drink from the same drinking fountain, yet were equal enough to share the same bullet, but couldn't be buried in the same cemetery, am obligated to become a great general of the Armed Forces, and even to become President of the United States of America.

My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of Liberty let it be known that if any changes are to occur, it must start with me—of Thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of every man's pride, from every mountain side, let freedom ring and ring.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I want to echo the remarks of my colleague, Senator BENNETT, in sharing with the Senate the creed written by our fellow Utahn, Terry Harris. It is an inspiring declaration of personal integrity and determination. I join in commending Terry Harris. I urge all Americans to read it and carefully consider its message, not just to African Americans, but to all of us. In doing the right thing, the power of a single individual can make our country a better place.●

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1998

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 11, and immediately following the prayer the routine requests through the morning hour be granted, and the Senate immediately resume consideration of the cloture motion on the motion to proceed to S. 1601, the Human Cloning Prohibition Act, as previously ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.